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SIAS Wascana grad honours students

Dr. Susan McClement to be awarded honorary diploma in Nursing

June 18, 2009 – SIAS Wascana Campus will honour students tomorrow during the annual graduation ceremony. Alan Thomarat, SIAS board of directors chair; Dr. Robert McCulloch, SIAS president and CEO; and other dignitaries will be on hand for the presentation of three major awards. The awards include a SIAS honorary diploma, a SIAS Student Outstanding Citizenship Award and a Governor General's Academic Medal.

A **SIAS honorary diploma** will be awarded to Dr. Susan McClement. Dr. McClement is a highly regarded scholar in the academic community. She has won many awards for excellence in teaching and for her palliative care professional practice. Dr. McClement has published more than 150 papers related to end of life care. Through her ongoing research, she has sought to understand the experiences of those facing advanced illnesses, and has served as an advocate for those who are dying. Dr. McClement's work touches the core of the nursing mandate in trying to improve the conditions of those who are suffering. Dr. McClement is an associate professor at the University of Manitoba, a researcher with Cancer Care Manitoba and scholar-in-residence with the SIAS Nursing Division. She has been involved with doctoral education in various capacities in Cuba, Canada and Australia.

The **SIAS Student Outstanding Citizenship Award** recognizes commitment to the SIAS community beyond program requirements. It will be presented to Basic Education student Mike Schultz. Schultz has maintained a 96 percent average while tutoring his fellow students in the Sciences, Math and English. He founded the Math Club at the Regina Central Library and is the student editor of "Read Smart," a bimonthly magazine. Schultz is also a member of the Wascana Students' Association. He founded the Wascana Gender Diversity Council, which focuses on such issues as changing gender roles, gender identity and sexual orientation.

The prestigious **Governor General's Academic Medal** will be presented to Karen Sereggela by Dr. Robert McCulloch on behalf of the Governor General. Sereggela, a graduate of the Dental Hygiene program and recipient of the College of Dental Surgeons Clinical Proficiency Award, will received the collegiate bronze medal for achieving the highest overall average upon graduation from a diploma-level SIAST Wascana program. She now works as a dental hygienist in Estevan.

Media are invited to attend:

Date: Friday, June 19, 2009
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Conexus Arts Centre
Regina, SK

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 13,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 32,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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